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SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR US EMBASSY IN
EAST BERLIN

1. DEPARTMENT HAS COMPLETED PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF PLANS
OF PROPOSED CHANCERY BUILDING AND SENIOR OFFICER RESI-
DENCES IN EAST BERLIN. BEFORE PROCEEDING FURTHER, HOWEVER,
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND CLARIFICATIONS WILL BE REQUIRED.

2. MISSION SHOULD ACCORDINGLY REQUEST APPOINTMENT WITH
APPROPRIATE MEMBERS OF DIENSTLEISTUNGSAMT AND MAKE PRE-
SENTATION BASED ON FOLLOWING:

(A) DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY GDR
ON HAUS DES HANDWERKS AND SENIOR OFFICER HOUSING. THIS
INFORMATION HAS BEEN OF GREAT ASSISTANCE IN DEPARTMENT'S
REVIEW OF PROPERTY PROBLEMS IN EAST BERLIN.

(B) WE HAVE NOW RECEIVED THE PLANS OF THE PROPOSED
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AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE AND WILL COMMENCE A REVIEW OF

THOSE PLANS ON AN URGENT BASIS.

(C) IN VIEW OF THE NEED TO PROCEED AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE WITH OUR PLANS FOR CHANCERY, DEPARTMENT IS NOW IN PROCESS OF CONTRACTING FOR A PRIVATE STRUCTURAL ENGINEER TO VISIT

BERLIN TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT WORK TO BE DONE BY GDR TO STRENGTHEN FLOORS TO MINIMUM CAPACITY OF 80 POUNDS PER SQUARE FOOT AND 100 POUNDS FOR LIMITED AREA ON ONE FLOOR IS TECHNICALLY ACCEPTABLE. BEFORE ARRIVAL OF ENGINEER, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF WE COULD OBTAIN CLARIFICATION OF FOLLOWING POINTS:

(1) DATA SUBMITTED ON PROPOSED CHANCERY BUILDING INCLUDES "ADDITIONAL SPACE" OF 328.70 SQUARE METERS, RENTAL ON WHICH IS COMPUTED AT FULL RATE OF DM 21.60. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF GDR COULD IDENTIFY AREAS IN WHICH THIS SPACE IS LOCATED.

(2) IT WAS DEPARTMENT'S UNDERSTANDING THAT FINAL RENTAL RATE ON THE PROPOSED CHANCERY BUILDING IS TO BE COMPUTED ON THE BASIS OF THE ACTUAL USE OF THE PROPERTY BY THE USG AFTER RENOVATIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. WE WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION OF THIS UNDERSTANDING.

(3) ON THE HEINRICH MAN STR. PROPERTY, THE RENTAL COMPUTATION INCLUDES "ADDITIONAL SPACE" OF 18.9 SQUARE METERS, RATE ON WHICH IS COMPUTED AT FULL RATE OF DM 15 FOR USEABLE SPACE. AS IN POINT 1 ABOVE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF GDR WOULD IDENTIFY SPACE IN QUESTION.

(4) WHILE WE REMAIN OF THE OPINION THAT THE HOUSE AT WALDSTR 10 IS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE, WE MAY WISH TO CONSIDER IT IN THE EVENT WE ARE UNABLE TO FIND SUITABLE QUARTERS FOR OUR MARINE GUARD CONTINGENT IN THE CHANCERY OR OTHER LESS EXPENSIVE RESIDENTIAL SPACE.

3. FOR MISSION'S INFORMATION, DEPARTMENT HOPES TO HAVE STRUCTURAL ENGINEER VISIT BERLIN LATER THIS MONTH.
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